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Earth VFD converts military vehicle into a fire fighting machine

Feb. 8, 2016 — EARTH, Texas — Earth Volunteer Fire Department transformed a 1994 military 5-ton cargo vehicle into a service ready machine in four months. Volunteers completed all necessary conversions which included replacing the soft top cab, sand blasting and painting the truck, adding a 1,650-gallon poly tank and a water cannon that will deliver 250 gallons of water per minute.

“Over 60 percent of our territory is grass land and sandy hills,” said Earth VFD Fire Chief Mathew Goe. “A conventional truck would get stuck in this type of terrain but the six-wheel drive is perfect for getting out to the wildland fires.”

The vehicle was made provided through the Department of Defense Firefighter Property Program administered by Texas A&M Forest Service.

The DoD Firefighter Property Program provides excess military equipment to fire departments and emergency service providers. Launched in Texas in 2005, this program has released over 300 retired military trucks to VFDs across the state to help them better protect lives and property. The USDA Forest Service oversees the program. Texas A&M Forest Service picks up the vehicle from a military installation, performs necessary repairs and delivers it to the Volunteer Fire Department at no cost to them.

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.

